

# Media Advisory

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## **SECRETARY OF STATE RECOMMENDS DELAYING UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN JEFFERSON AND ORLEANS**

Baton Rouge – Secretary of State Al Ater announces that he has issued an emergency certification recommending the delay of the upcoming scheduled elections in Jefferson and Orleans Parishes. State law requires the Secretary of State to certify to the Governor when a state of emergency exists that would affect the electoral process.

Ater issued the certification today to the Office of Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco. Ater recommends that the Governor issue an executive order to delay voting in the following races: Judge, Court of Appeal, 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit, 1<sup>st</sup> District, Division B; Member of the School Board, District 4; and Councilman, District 2, City of Kenner, in the Parish of Jefferson. Ater recommends delaying both the special primary elections, scheduled for Oct. 15, and the special general elections, scheduled for Nov. 12 for these three races.

In his emergency certification, Ater also recommended the delay of special proposition elections for Kingswood Subdivision Improvement District, Twinbrook Security District, and Tour Bouligny Security District in Orleans Parish. The three special proposition elections were originally scheduled for Nov. 12.

“We will reschedule these elections at the appropriate time,” Ater said. “Right now because of Hurricane Katrina and its resulting aftermath, we don’t have the machines, personnel, or electorate in place to properly conduct a fair election in these affected areas.”

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